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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 356

October 1, 1941.

U.S. EXPORTERS HANDICAPPED by inability to obtain goods for shipment to Latin America and vast amount of red tape involved before goods can be shipped from U.S. Complaints of inability to provide Latin American importers with materials they require growing in number. No time should be lost in effecting simplification of regulations by new Office of Export Control, recently placed under Economic Defense Board, headed by Vice President Wallace. (Editorial, N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

1941 COTTON CROP FOR BRAZIL MORE SATISFACTORY than in 1940, Brazilian representative of International Cotton Committee, J.G. Dantas, reports. Says general belief is that if no drouth occurs during next 2 months, this year's sowing will occupy larger areas than previous year, despite reports that São Paulo cotton was sold below cost of production. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

32 PERCENT INCREASE IN CUBAN SUGAR EXPORTS from Jan. 1 to Sept. 27, as compared with same period of previous year. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CUBAN SCHOOLS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE of 11th anniversary of death of student leader, Rafael Trejo, killed in riot by police during Machado regime. Brief ceremony held at Havana University, with President Grau San Martin as principal speaker. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

U.S. STAND ON SEIZURE OF OIL PROPERTIES IN MEXICO is vital to American petroleum industry. Crucial question of whether or not American petroleum industry will be able to develop and utilize future vast oil deposits of countries bordering the Caribbean Sea to be answered by U.S. attitude toward Mexico's confiscation of American-owned properties. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MEXICO AND U.S. to be regarded as touchstone of Good Neighbor Policy, President Manuel Avila Camacho declares in interview. Says Mexico welcomes foreign capital so long as it "is not used as a means of political influence." When asked about activities of Spanish Falange, spearhead of German propaganda in Mexico, President Camacho declares that "good sense of Mexicans would enable them to distinguish between Spanish cultural tradition and agents of anti-democratic propaganda." (Harold Callender, N.Y. Times)

NICARAGUA TOWN WRECKED. Refugees arriving at Puerto Cabezas say Cape Gracias has been totally destroyed by hurricane. Property and livestock losses to run into thousands of dollars. Believed that no lives were lost. (N.Y. Times)

PANAMA CREATES CENTRAL BANK, with authority to issue Panama's first paper money. To be backed by reserve of Panamanian silver or U.S. currency of equal value. (N.Y. Times)

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OPM RELEASES GOODS TO LATIN AMERICA, granting exporters permission to ship cast-iron pipe, power-plant equipment, tractors, mining equipment and other items, Col. Charles Scheer, chief of information division of Office of Export Control, tells 300 exporters at meeting in New York City. Says transfer of export control office to new Economic Defense Board means no material change "except possibly a little streamlining." (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE DIFFICULTIES WITH BRITAIN consist only of disagreement over price of corned beef, Argentina asking 8 cents a pound and Britain offering 6.4 cents, Argentine Foreign Ministry announces. Argentines say price offered is unprofitable, owing to increased cost of cans imported from U.S. (N.Y. Times)

GERMAN TEACHERS IN ARGENTINA are "active military agents of Nazism," pupils swearing allegiance to Adolf Hitler, Argentine investigating committee declares in report to Congress. Asks changes in school law to require all foreign teachers to speak Spanish and all directors of such schools to be Argentines. (Christian Science Monitor)

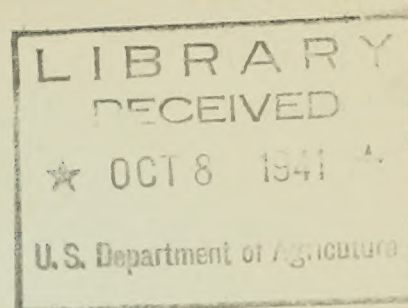
BOLIVIAN PLANE CRASH kills two from United States and three others. Report says plane belonging to Aramayo Mining Company crashes in Andes, killing William Brooks, pilot, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., and Frank C. Burgess, geologist, of Utica, N.Y. (N.Y. Times)

CHILE FREES SUSPECTED NAZIS on Supreme Court order holding evidence insufficient to warrant holding them longer. The 13 suspects were arrested Sept. 10 and are subject to re-arrest if further evidence is uncovered. (Christian Science Monitor)

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October 3, 1941.

"BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN" HONORS LATIN AMERICA at Dinner of the Americas in New York City, in recognition of interest shown by Latin American countries in British war relief society. Mrs. Wales Latham, president of organization, announces that Venezuela and Colombia already have formed branch organizations and other Central and South American countries are soon to follow suit. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE CONGRESS ADJOURNS for seven months, unless called for special session. Radical Party, which holds the majority in Chamber of Deputies, shows sign of hostility to Acting President Castillo by refusing to ratify proposed \$110,000,000 U.S. loan, key to President's economic rehabilitation program for Argentina. Approval blocked after President Castillo charges that some members of Radical Party were involved in conspiracy against the Government. (Christian Science Monitor)

ARRIVAL OF ARGENTINE WOOL IN U.S. to have tendency to ease prices, carpet manufacturers and spinners believe. During week ending September 20, about 80 percent of total wool imports into U.S. came from Argentina. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILE AND COLOMBIA PLAN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT involving exchange of Chilean fruits and farm products for Colombian tropical goods. Colombian Foreign Minister Luis López de Mesa confers with President Aguirre of Chile in Santiago. (Christian Science Monitor)

CUBAN POLICE CHIEF TO VISIT U.S. Colonel Manuel Benítez, Cuban chief of national police, to confer with U.S. officials concerning Cuban cooperation in combatting fifth columnist activities in Cuba. (N.Y. Times)

MINISTER OF HAITI HONORED IN WASHINGTON. Director General of Pan American Union, Dr. L. S. Rowe, entertains Fernand Dennis with luncheon in Washington. (Washington Post)

U.S.-MEXICAN PACT TO BE SIGNED OCTOBER 9, according to reports from Mexico City. Official circles believe that accord will not provide for final settlement of oil controversy but to include payment on account. Hoped that treaty will pave way for eventual liquidation of controversy arising from expropriation of American oil properties and will place relations of two countries on best basis in 40 years. (Harold Callender, N.Y. Times)

PERU TO MAKE STRATEGIC WAR MATERIALS AVAILABLE to Western Hemisphere exclusively, according to announcement by Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator. Says that such materials that are not bought by U.S. private business are to be purchased for government stock piles by Metals Reserve Company, R.F.C. subsidiary. (N.Y. Times)

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PRO-AXIS FRENCH FILMS ON WAY TO LATIN AMERICA for exhibition, Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League warns. According to the league, most of films, made in both Nazi-dominated and unoccupied France, will produce profits "indirectly for Nazi Germany and directly for Vichy Government." (N.Y. Times)

NUMBER OF U.S. STUDENTS TO LATIN AMERICA INCREASED by 20, through grants known as the Roosevelt Fellowships, made through Institute of International Education of New York City. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

"VIGIL OF ARMS" PROPOSED AS WATCHWORD FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE by Robert C. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, speaking at West Virginia's 12th annual forest festival in Elkins. Watchword was proclaimed by President of Brazil, Getulio Vargas on 119th anniversary of Brazilian independence. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

INTER-AMERICAN WEEK OPENS IN TROP, N.Y. and will continue through Oct. 12. Sponsors hope that celebration, designed to increased good will and understanding among American Republics, will serve as pattern for similar events throughout U.S. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

AMERICAN REPUBLICS LINE OBSERVES THIRD ANNIVERSARY of service between New York and eastern South America. Robert C. Lee, executive vice-president of Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc., says expansion of fleet has made it possible for U.S. to meet demands in South America for vital goods previously obtained in Europe and for this country to obtain South American products important to national defense. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PERU-ECUADOR DEMILITARIZE BORDER by joint accord, according to Foreign Office in Quito. Accord, signed by military representatives of Peru and Ecuador at Talara, effective on Oct. 5. Civil authorities to administer demilitarized zone under special regime controlled by military observers of Argentina, Brazil, and U.S. Agreement specifies that establishment of zones does not "imply recognition of any titles of sovereignty." (C.S. Monitor)

LATIN AMERICAN HOTEL EXECUTIVES en route to U.S. after attending second Inter-American Travel Congress, recently concluded in Mexico City. Group of hotel executives from 17 Pan American Republics to be received in Washington by Vice President Wallace. (Washington Times Herald)

WALT DISTNEY SAILS FOR SOUTH AMERICA with corps of workmen to obtain songs and backgrounds for future productions. Buenos Aires selected as headquarters, with workmen traveling to various other South American countries. Possibility of Disney studio in South America rumored. (Frank Daugherty, C.S. Monitor)

ARGENTINE DESTROYER HITS CRUISER IN FOG. During Naval maneuvers, 1,375-ton destroyer, Corrientes, sinks in shallow water off Southern Argentine Coast after colliding with 6,800-ton cruiser, Almirante Brown. Three men reported lost and 11 others missing, according to the Argentine Navy Ministry. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

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NAZI TOLERANCE IN ARGENTINE CHARGED by Radical Party. Denounces Acting President Castillo's conservative regime for what is called "culpable tolerance" in permitting activities of Nazi agents. (C.S. Monitor)

BOLIVIA LEADS WAY on recommendation of 1940 Havana Conference that "neighborly measures be taken, where necessary, to resist intrigue threatening continental unity and democracy." Move comes from Foreign Minister Alberto Ostria Gutiérrez, who called in diplomatic representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Paraguay for consultation on an anti-Bolivian campaign of "known origin," proceeding in those countries. (C.S. Monitor)

BATTLE REPORTED OFF TIP OF BRAZIL by fishermen near Maceió. Reports from coastal town say two unidentified ships are engaged in battle. State and Navy Department in Washington say no word of battle has been received. (N.Y. Times)

SPANISH EXILES ADAPT THEMSELVES TO CHILEAN LIFE by becoming useful members of Chilean society. Collective immigration of 2,220 Spaniards, released from French concentration camps at end of Spanish Civil war in September 1939, proves gratifying, according to authorities in Santiago. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

CHILEAN GOVERNMENT BROUGHT TO SIDE OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS at war against Hitler through German blunders, U.S. economic pressure and reawakened democratic sentiment of Chilean masses. Juan B. Rossetti, Chilean Foreign Minister, asserts that Chile is ready to fulfill all of her obligations arising from continental agreements. (Harry J. Tomlinson, N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ALL SHIPMENTS FROM CUBA REACH ENGLAND SAFELY, according to report of Mrs. George S. Messersmith, wife of U.S. Ambassador to Cuba and Honorary Chairman of American Volunteer Unit in Cuba, which works in connection with British Ladies Committees to make garments for shipment to England. (C.S. Monitor)

IMMEDIATE WAR ON PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS IN MEXICO and measures to ease tension between capital and labor promised by Gen. Maximino Avila Camacho, brother of Mexico's President, on entering Cabinet. (C.S. Monitor)

MERCURY FOUND HIDDEN ON JAPANESE STEAMER, Azuma Maru, scheduled to sail for Japan from Manzanillo, Mexico. Shipments of mercury to Japan forbidden when U.S. and Mexico signed anti-Axis economic defense pact restricting exports of Mexico's raw materials. (N.Y. Times)

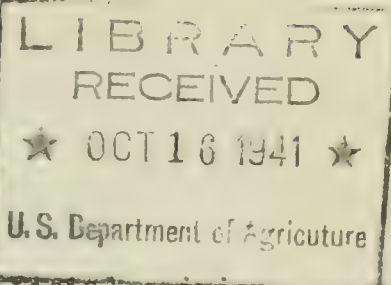
U.S.-MEXICO TO COOPERATE IN CURBING STOLEN-CAR SMUGGLING across Mexican-U.S. border. Edward Gormley of Dallas, Texas, chief of Southwest Division of National Auto Theft Bureau, confers with Mexican officials in Mexico City on theft traffic and how to check it. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PANAMANIAN WOMEN CAST BALLOTS FOR FIRST TIME in Republic's history when they help elect members of Provincial Councils, under the new Constitution. (N.Y. Times)

URUGUAYAN HEALTH MINISTER, JUAN CEDAR MUCIO FOURNIER, leaves for U.S. to attend Sanitary Congress in Atlantic City and to lecture at Harvard University and University of Wisconsin. (C.S. Monitor)

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NEW SOUTH AMERICA GROWING out of war, because of continent's key position as factor in post-war world, says writer. Countries being industrialized, merchant marine being developed as result of ship seizures, and long-delayed social changes are in sight. Says Latin Americans are realists and must be convinced of U.S. good intentions over years, not just in short wartime period. (John Lear in Washington Post)

U.S. OFFERS TO SUBSIDIZE NEWS BROADCASTING to Latin America, is now negotiating with NBC and CBS. Project, financed through Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will seek to convince Latin Americans that good neighbor policy is not wartime expedient; that U.S. does not threaten them; and that U.S. will help defend them, by arms if necessary. (James B. Reston in N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINA DELAYS SHIP SINKING PROTEST until end of war despite Senate demand for immediate strong representations to Germany. Argentine ship Uruguay was torpedoed in May, 1940, with loss of 14 men. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILE WARNED OF NAZI INFILTRATION by Marmaduke Grove, president of Socialist party. Says present laws are inadequate to fight democracy's enemies. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ECONOMIC UNION OF AMERICAS to bolster continental defense urged by Foreign Minister Juan Rosetti of Chile. (C.S. Monitor)

U.S. INFLUENCE IN HAITIAN EDUCATION grows through efforts of President Lescot and Maurice Dartigue, Minister of Agriculture, Labor and Education. Plan to send teachers to U.S. for study and to expand vocational instruction. (C.S. Monitor)

LOAN TO STABILIZE MEXICAN CURRENCY in offing, says Secretary Morgenthau. Reports heard that U.S. loan will be between 30 and 40 million dollars. Secretary says U.S. will resume direct purchases of silver from Mexico. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICAN ONE-PARTY SYSTEM to be dropped, say Mexico City reports. Report bill supported by President Avila Camacho would take control of elections away from Congress and permit free organization of parties. Full government support has in past been thrown to the party of the Mexican Revolution. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

INCREASED MEXICAN SUGAR PRODUCTION in 1941-42 seen as result of government's effort to avoid shortage that made large imports necessary this year. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

PANAMA FORBIDS ARMING OF SHIPS under its registry, Foreign Minister de Roux announced after meeting of Cabinet Council. Says any merchant vessel which arms will have Panama registry cancelled. Estimate 125 U.S. ships are of Panama registry, 40 owned by Maritime Commission and others by private companies. Panama's action greeted in Washington by surprise in unofficial circles. State Department has no word of decision. (N.Y. Times)

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SOUTH AMERICA AWAKENED TO NAZI DANGER in its midst, correspondent says. Worst experiences with British and American imperialism in past looks like mild treatment compared with degradation meted out to conquered nations by the Nazis. Says that no matter how many more victories Germany may win in Europe, it appears to have lost whatever prospects ever existed of winning South America's voluntary enlistment under the swastika. (Roland Hall Sharp, Christian Science Monitor)

FLEXIBLE TRADE SYSTEM MUST BE DEVELOPED in selling to Latin America, Joseph C. Rovinsky, chairman of commercial and financial division of Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs says at luncheon of National Foreign Trade Convention in New York. Reports that U.S. has made appreciable progress in effort to take up slack in Latin American exports caused by loss of European market. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE POPULAR OPINION 90 PERCENT PRO BRITISH AND U.S., Jorge A. Durand of Buenos Aires, first vice president of International Hotel Organization, declares in New York. (N.Y. Times)

SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED TANKER ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA. Report that American-owned ship, I. C. White, sailing under Panamanian flag, was sunk 600 miles off Pernambuco, Brazil. Claim vessel was sunk without warning and that flag was fully lighted by strong searchlight. (Frank M. Garcia, N.Y. Times)

U.S. FARM EXPERTS ARRIVE IN ECUADOR. Dr. Arthur G. Kevorkian, Walter R. Schreiber and William A. Lerner arrive in Guayaquil to cooperate with Ecuadoran Government in developing non-competitive agricultural products to increase U.S. commerce with Latin America. (N.Y. Times)

GUATEMALA NAMES COMMITTEE to cooperate with Permanent Inter-American Economic and Financial Consultative Committee in Washington. Members are: José F. Linares, Luis Pedro Aguirre, Luis Schlesinger Carrera, Rafael Inoco, Rodolfo Castillo and Gabriel Urruela. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICANS EN ROUTE TO SPAIN DELAYED because British and Portuguese visas have not been issued. Party of four were to leave for Madrid to attend meeting of Latin Americans with the Spanish at Council of Hispanidad. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICANS EXPECT BOOM AS RESULT OF U.S. AGREEMENT, business and defense experts in Mexico City say. Completion of agreement expected to result in great constructive activity, partly in fulfillment of Mexico's part of pact and partly as consequence of expected influx of American capital into Mexico for industrial development. (N.Y. Times)

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AMERICAN ADVERTISING ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS in Hemisphere defense since it supports hundreds of newspapers, magazines and radio stations in South America, chief channels of communication to the masses, Walter L. Bomer of the Bristol-Myers Company claims at meeting of Export Advertising Association in New York City. (N.Y. Times)

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICANS' "CARICATURISH" IDEAS of each other now being dissipated under good neighbor policy, Dr. Luis Gómez Ruíz, first secretary of Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, says in opening ceremonies of Inter-American Week at Troy, N.Y. Says that better and more extensive economic relations will not only strengthen solidarity of two continents but will also help to offset loss of European markets and disruption of international trade after the war. (N.Y. Times)

MAINTENANCE OF OVERSEAS TRADE IS VITAL LINK in defense program, James A. Farrell, chairman of National Foreign Trade Council, says at 28th National Foreign Trade Convention in New York City. "This is especially true of Latin America," he claims. "The problem created by Latin American exclusion from continental European markets is one not only of finding other outlets for their surpluses but of procuring supplies of essential commodities no longer obtainable from Europe." (C.S. Monitor)

MEXICO TO BAN SPANISH SPIES by preparing law requiring registration of aliens, similar to U.S. law, high Mexican official says. Claims Mexican government is aware of illegal presence in Mexico of many aliens, some of whom are suspected of espionage and subversive propaganda. Regards Spanish Falange activities as being in both categories. (Harold Callender, N.Y. Times)

MEXICAN STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT is back of shooting incident in which nine workers were killed. Spokesmen for Right attribute agitation which led to shooting to Communists. Spokesmen for Left attribute it to totalitarian agents. Labor spokesmen say hidden plot behind event was to divide labor and army, a tactic used by totalitarian agents throughout Europe to sow dissension. (C.S. Monitor)

PANAMA'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT ARMING of merchant ships seen in Panama City as direct result of sinking of American-owned tanker I.C. White off Brazil and of Pink Star in Icelandic waters. Panama's action revealed as taken under maritime neutrality convention of Six th Pan American Conference, on grounds that "signatories of convention do not permit arming of their merchant vessels and that Panama, therefore, is not justified in doing so." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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INCREASED LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS TO U.S. FORESEEN as new products are more intensively developed and production of strategic and critical materials is increased. Exports to Latin American countries depend on ability of U.S. exporters to obtain merchandise in competition with defense and domestic civilian demand. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

HEMISPHERE TRADE DEVELOPMENT OF VITAL CONCERN TO U.S., Frederick E. Hasler, Chairman of Continental Bank and Trust Co. of New York declares. Says there has never been a time in history of U.S. and Latin America when it was so imperative as now that leaders of industry, commerce and finance should bend every effort to development within hemisphere of new trade activities and expansion of existing ones. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS PRINT ORIGINS ON LETTERHEADS in effort to keep off blacklist. New letterheads contain name and national origin of each stockholder. (N.Y. Times)

RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. BUSINESS IN INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION recognized in text of final declarations of Foreign Trade Convention at close of 3-day session in New York. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

ARGENTINA KEEPS ON COURSE OF "EXACT NEUTRALITY" but will defend legitimate rights with whole power of nation, Acting President Castillo declares in reply to critics who contend that Señor Castillo is compromising Argentine activity by failing to act vigorously against totalitarian agents. (C.S. Monitor)

ARGENTINA INCREASES BUTTER SHIPMENTS TO U.S. Because of higher domestic prices, 14-cent import duty is no longer an obstacle in realizing profits from sales in this country. (N.Y. Times)

CHILEAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST AXIS INFLUENCE LIKELY as sequel to latest Cabinet reorganization. Selection of Leonardo Guzman, honorary president of Anti-Nazi, Anti-Fascist Union, as Minister of Interior interpreted as evidence of President Aguirre's determination to safeguard Chile's democratic institutions. (C.S. Monitor)

MEXICAN LUBRICATING OIL PRODUCTION CURTAILED and perhaps halted completely for 6 months, as result of fire at Mexican Petroleum Co.'s refinery at Minatitlán, Vera Cruz. Fire, of unknown origin, considered most serious blow to government petroleum operations since expropriation of foreign oil interests. Damage estimated at \$130,000. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

PRESIDENT ARIAS OF PANAMA OUSTED in bloodless coup, is replaced by Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia, former Minister of Government. Report former President Arias left country by plane Tuesday. Second Vice-President Ernesto Jaén Guardia, sworn in as President Thursday afternoon, appoints new cabinet and then resigns to make way for appointment of de la Guardia. Many of former President's associates jailed. Change reported pleasing to Washington, although officials refuse comment. Dr. Arias had been known as pro-Nazi. New President, regarded as favorable to U.S., expected to revoke decision of early this week forbidding arming of merchant ships under Panama registry. (C.H. Calhoun and Bertram D. Hulén in N.Y. Times)

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MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HONORED on Columbus Day at many celebrations in New York City. Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia speak at exercises at Columbus Circle. Unity of Americans of all races, religious beliefs and political creeds is theme of day. President Roosevelt, in holiday statement, says nations of Americas can be "powerful force in the interest of stability, peace and freedom." Vice President Wallace, broadcasting in Spanish to Latin America, asks "economic co-operation and frank spiritual comprehension and understanding" among the American nations. Cuba marks day with traditional ceremony of raising "Flag of the Race." (N.Y. Times and Washington Post)

'MEERK LITTLE GUY' helps Nazi cause in Latin America, says writer. Says German infiltration depends less on disciplined military machine than on merchants who came from Germany to Latin America years ago and are now established in community. Although merchant may not be a Nazi, he is cited by Nazis as typical German in Latin America and contrasted with North American merchants who have remained aloof from Latin life, thus confusing issue for Latin Americans of what Nazi party is or is not like. (John Lear in Washington Post)

NEW ARGENTINA-CHILE FLIGHT inaugurated between Buenos Aires and Santiago by Pan American-Grace Airways, making total of five weekly schedules over that trans-Andean route. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

BLOW AT DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA seen as Cabinet Council decides to dissolve elected Municipal Council of Buenos Aires and replace it with board of 21 government appointees. Action prompted by accusations of "racketeering" against some members of council. Most newspapers criticize action as anti-democratic move by administration of Acting President Castillo. (Arnaldo Cortesi in N.Y. Times)

BOLIVIA MAY DROP CASE against Standard Oil Company of Bolivia, growing out of company's attitude toward government during Chaco war. (N.Y. Times)

BRAZILIAN COTTON OFFICIAL VISITING U.S. to promote better relations among cotton industries of American nations. Fernando de Almeida Prado, a director of the São Paulo Cotton Exchange, says trading in São Paulo market and on U.S. exchanges should be interrelated. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CANADA SEEKS BRAZILIAN TRADE through economic mission now in Rio de Janeiro. Mission will discuss possibilities of establishing direct shipping line between Brazil and Canada. (N.Y. Times)

COSTA RICA CANCELS CELEBRATION to dedicate monument to President Calderón Guardia and former President Arias of Panama, marking settlement of border controversy between countries. Costa Rican anti-Nazis approve ousting of Dr. Arias as Panamanian president. (N.Y. Times)

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CUBA'S FIRST LADY ENTERTAINED in New York by Aurelio F. Concheso, Cuban Ambassador to U.S. Dinner for Señora Elisa G. de Batista, wife of Cuba's President, marks anniversary of opening of Cuba's 10-year war against Spain. Cuba observes day (Oct. 10) with ceremonies. (N.Y. Times)

OIL FIRMS WARY OF MEXICAN SETTLEMENT proposed by U.S. State Department. W.S. Farish, president of Standard Oil of New Jersey, acting for companies involved, writes Secretary Hull that acceptance of pending proposal "would sacrifice principles of international law on which safety of foreign investments against confiscation depends." (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO GUARDS AGAINST STRIKE by teachers of Vera Cruz, protesting discharge of nine colleagues for alleged Communist activity. (C.S. Monitor)

MEXICO TO BUY RAYON FROM U.S. to meet indispensable needs of next six months, Foreign Minister Padilla announces in Mexico City. Mexico's supply of rayon from Japan virtually halted by pact with U.S., denying Mexican exports to Axis nations. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

EL SALVADOR RED CROSS to help Nicaragua aid sufferers from recent hurricane in Cape Gracias area. (N.Y. Times)

NEW PANAMA REGIME expected to repeal ban on arming merchant ships. Report Francisco Arias Paredes, leader of Liberal Reform party, will be "strong man" of new regime and may be candidate for president if general election is called. President de la Guardia pledges "absolute collaboration in the defense of the continent." Former President Arias asks permission to return to Panama. Berlin circles accuse "Washington imperialists" of staging "putsch" in Panama. (N.Y. Times)

URUGUAY OPENS NEW ANTI-NAZI DRIVE with appointment of 11-man committee of Chamber Deputies to investigate subversive activities. (C.S. Monitor)

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U.S.-ARGENTINE TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED in Buenos Aires, twelfth such agreement to be entered into with another American Republic. Pact, effective for 3 years beginning Nov. 15, grants U.S. exporters tariff concessions in Argentina on 127 items representing about 30 percent of present U.S. exports to Argentina. Items include fresh and dried fruits, tobacco, machinery, office appliances and forest products. Argentina receives concessions on 84 items covering about 93 percent of her normal sales to U.S., including flaxseed, canned corned beef, coarse wools, quebracho extract, cascin, tallow, oleo oil, cattle hides and Italian-type cheeses. President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull and others join in praising agreement as contribution to hemisphere unity and trade development. (N.Y. Times and Washington Post)

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT DENIES CABINET CRISIS because of dissolution of Buenos Aires Municipal Council. Acting President Castillo says all members of cabinet approved his action. Announces that two ships recently purchased from Italy will leave this week for the U.S. with Argentine goods. (N.Y. Times)

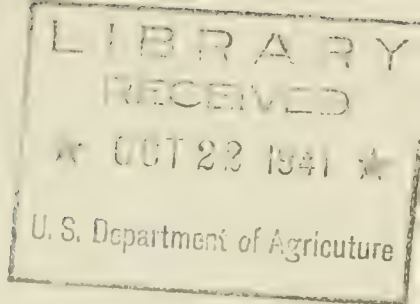
CHILEAN TENSION EASED and political atmosphere, heavily charged with unconfirmed rumors for past 48 hours, cleared by government statement that reports that some army commanders were under police surveillance were baseless and false. (N.Y. Times)

CUBAN PRESIDENT BACKS VACATION LAW. President Fulgencio Batista sends message to Congress asking for legislation to provide paid vacations for agricultural laborers. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICAN BLAMES U.S. CORRESPONDENT for preventing trip of four Mexicans to Council of Hispanidad in Madrid. Dr. Jesús Guisa y Azevedo, one of group scheduled to make trip, says Mexico City correspondent of New York Times made "false statement" that the Mexicans would "work in Spain against the interests of England and the Democratic ideal of the American Continent." Trip was prevented when British and Portuguese officials refused to grant visas. (N.Y. Times)

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No. 367

October 16, 1941.

U.S. REPORTERS PRAISE ARGENTINE TRADE AGREEMENT as further evidence of success of full reciprocal trade policy. Regarded in administration circles in Washington as major diplomatic victory over axis efforts to penetrate Western Hemisphere. Several members of Congress from farm states denounce agreement as "blow to American agriculture." Buenos Aires reports "excellent impression" in financial and economic circles, as well as in press and among general public. (N.Y. Times and Washington Post)

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT DELAYS CUSTODY OF NAZI NAVY until future meeting of Cabinet. Appears likely that Argentine government is trying to induce Berlin to withdraw German Ambassador Baron Edmund von Thiermann voluntarily, but without success. (N.Y. Times)

BOLIVIAN ARMY OCCUPIES RAILWAY PROPERTY to prevent threatened strike. Government announces it will not lift "state of seige" until nation has returned to normalcy. Action imposed 3 months ago after government uncovered alleged revolutionary plot and ousted German Minister on charges of complicity. (Washington Post)

CUBA CANE PLANTERS PLAN AGRICULTURAL BANK. Cane Planters Association of Cuba working on plans to establish own agricultural financing bank as means of protecting and assisting its 40,000 members. (N.Y. Times)

CUBA SENATE VOTES TO POSTPONE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS scheduled for Dec. 1 until March 1, to allow sufficient time for reorganization of new coalitions among both Government and Opposition parties. (N.Y. Times)

FOREIGN-OWNED MERCHANT SHIPS ADOPT COSTA RICAN REGISTRY in legislation approved by Senate. Measure permits such ships to arm themselves for protection against sea raiders. (Washington Post)

PANAMA ARRESTS U.S. AMBASSADOR. Ernesto Jaen Guardia, who served for 2 hours as President of Panama following overthrow of overthrown Dr. Arnulfo Arias and Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia, formally named Panamanian Ambassador to U.S. Ex-President Arias under arrest in Panama. Panama Government reported making plans to exile Dr. Arias in Costa Rica, under agreement with Costa Rican government. (N.Y. Times and Washington Post)

U.S. DEPARTMENT SEIZES 18 PERUVIAN PLANE for ultimate use by Russia. Shipments of \$1,234,000 in bombing planes and equipment purchased in Canada by Peru was in Brooklyn, N.Y., awaiting transfer to Peru. Understood that Peru would be reimbursed for planes with money received from Russia. Informed circles in Lima say Peru has made a diplomatic protest to U.S. (Washington Times-Herald and Post)

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LATIN AMERICA TO GET \$150,000,000 for construction of defense bases if Congress approves pending lend-lease bill, Adm. Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, reported to have told Senate Appropriations Subcommittee at closed session. (N.Y. Times)

LIVESTOCK MEN ATTACK ARGENTINE TRADE AGREEMENT as "governmental abuse of power." American National Livestock Association terms agreement "a betrayal of our industry." Report Argentine packers, who in some cases had been selling canned beef at cost, have raised price 3 cents a pound, equal to duty reduction provided in agreement. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILEAN LEFTISTS TO UNITE behind President Aguirre Cerda's government "to defeat Rightist conspiracy once and for all," Socialist Party announces in calling mass meeting. (N.Y. Times)

COLOMBIAN CABINET RESIGNS to permit President Santos to reorganize ministries, only Foreign Minister Luis López de Mesa retaining office. War Minister leads resignations after dispute with Chamber of Deputies over valuation of army transport sold to U.S. interests. (N.Y. Times)

CUBAN CABINET ASKS EMERGENCY POWERS. No official explanation of request. (Washington Post)

MEXICO ASKS U.S. FOR OIL MACHINERY to be paid for with crude oil, says writer from Mexico City. Machinery would buy up Mexico's nationalized oil industry for years to come; bartered oil would be used by U.S. Navy. Reporter also sees change in attitude toward U.S. companies whose properties were expropriated and leaning toward joint operation by Mexican Government and companies. (Harold Callender in N.Y. Times)

NICARAGUA APPOINTS BOARD to control importation and distribution of petroleum products. (N.Y. Times)

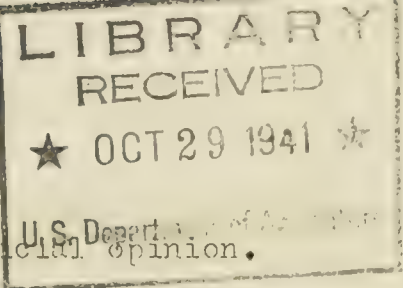
U.S. DENIES CONNECTION WITH PANAMA COUP in written statement by Secretary of State Hull. "Clear and categorical" denial issued following story quoting Senator Shipstead of Minnesota as stating Congressional investigation might be made. Panama Embassy joins in denying pressure by "any foreign government." New Ambassador, Ernesto Jaén Guardia, leaves by plane for Washington. Report he plans renewal of U.S.-Panama talks for defense of Canal, broken down at time former Foreign Minister, Raúl de Roux, visited Washington. (N.Y. Times)

PERUVIAN AIR ATTACHE RESIGNS in protest against U.S. seizure of bombers bound from Canada to Peru. Attaché, Col. Armando Iovaredo, charges seizure constitutes interference with internal affairs of Peru. (Washington Post)

URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZES SOLIDARITY among the Americas. Dr. Juan Carlos Blanco speaks at luncheon in his honor at Pan American Union. (Washington Post)

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October 18-20, 1941.

HEMISPHERE DEFENSE MOVES STEADILY AHEAD, according to Department of Commerce report on 2 years of economic defense and reliable indications that further steps are being taken to assure air and naval bases in the Americas. Foundations for long-range hemisphere economic defense measures being laid. (Roland Hall Sharp, C.S. Monitor)

GENERAL UNBUSINESS ECROSS IN LATIN AMERICA. Cuban Cabinet asks Congress to declare "state of emergency." Mexican Labor Senator, Vidal Díaz Muñoz, demands severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy, France and possibly Japan, resumption of relations with Great Britain and Russia, and recognition of Free French Government. Political parties in Chile, under President Pedro Aguirre Cerda, say they are "united in determination to thwart Rightist and Nazi conspiracy now under way." (C.S. Monitor)

U.S. FORCES LATIN AMERICA into "blockade front," Germany charges in latest bulletin of Berlin Institute for Economic Research. Cites freezing of European assets, U.S. purchases of essential materials and publication of blacklists. Advises Latin America to maintain "alternative markets." (N.Y. Times)

LATIN AMERICAN CURRENCY ON DOLLAR EXCHANGE STANDARD suggested in weekly review issued by Bureau of Business Conditions of Alexander Hamilton Institution. Says that stability of Latin American currency in terms of the dollar would "facilitate trade and further cement ties between U.S. and Latin America." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

SPANISH DISREGARD OF MASS OF POPULATION in government has left its mark on South America, correspondent says. Many South Americans say people are not prepared for self-government and that they respect only a "strong man." German influence is strong in South America and will continue to be strong until U.S. either can buy available surpluses or can help industrialize South American lands to make them less dependent on Old World. (John Lear, Washington Post)

BOGOTÁ AIRS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION asserting that it "still constitutionally and legally exists as governing institution of municipality." Council, whose dissolution was recently ordered by Federal Cabinet following charges of graft in city bus system, designates committee of lawyers to study plans for carrying fight against order to Supreme Court. (C.S. Monitor)

U.S.-BOLIVIA AGREE TO RAISE LEGATIONS to status of Embassies. Expanding relationships are given as reason, but decision said to be in line with purpose of Pan American statesmanship to ensure equality among nations, big and small, of Western Hemisphere. (C.S. Monitor)

BRAZIL OPENS AVIATION WEEK, under sponsorship of the Air Ministry. Brazilian army parachute troops to make first appearance during week of celebration. Program to include air races, model airplane contests, and exhibitions throughout the country in which representatives of other Latin American nations will participate. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

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BRAZILIAN RUBBER MARKET QUIET in Pará during August 1941. Chief cause, Department of Commerce reports, is insufficient quantity of raw rubber available in face of demand from domestic and foreign rubber manufacturers. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILE TO CHECK DESERT by a forest barrier from Pacific Coast to Andes in northern Chile. President of Agricultural Colonization Bank announces plan to control Atacama Desert, which has been moving southward toward central Chile at rate of one kilometer a year. (C.S. Monitor)

CHILEAN STUDENTS SHELVE POLITICS. Student movement in Chile, divided for many years by political party associations, find renewed union in joint meeting in Santiago. Conference rejects all politically-nominated candidates for leadership, have independent direction in future. (C.S. Monitor)

PACIFIC COASTAL PARLEY SEEN in visits of Chilean Foreign Minister, Manuel Bianchi, to Bolivia and Peru and signing of nonaggression pacts with both powers. Chile said to want to convene a Pacific coastal conference to supplement recent meeting of River Plate nations and that of the Amazon nations, pending under sponsorship of Brazil. (Norman A. Ingrey, C.S. Monitor)

PANAMA AUTHORIZES ARMING OF SHIPS under Panamanian registry, according to reports in Panama City. Reliable source says decree is in preparation permitting owners of vessels of Panamanian registry to arm them if they desire. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PERU WAITS U.S. ANSWER TO PROTEST on plane seizure, sent Oct. 6, Peruvian Foreign Office in Lima discloses. Newspapers in Peru angrily criticize U.S. action. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson tells press conference the 18 planes were taken over "in view of increasing critical situation of world and in accordance with existing defense program." (N.Y. Herald Tribune and C.S. Monitor)

BAN ON COTTON EXPORTS REMOVED BY MEXICO, according to announcement made by Ministry of Finance. Ban put into effect August 12 as conservation measure to assure domestic industry sufficient supplies. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

COLONIZATION OF LOWER CALIFORNIA by 100,000 Sinarquistas opposed by Mexican Chamber of Deputies after debate during which semi-military organization was characterized as a "shock brigade prepared by Nazi agents." Deputy Alfredo Felix Díaz says "colonization would be center of Nazi-Fascist propaganda and a grave danger for Mexican and the Continent." (C.S. Monitor)

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SINCERE DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. found throughout the 17 countries toured in Latin America, Representative Rabaut of Michigan says upon return to U.S. Mr. Rabaut headed subcommittee of five members of House Appropriations Committee investigating general conditions in Central and South America. (Washington Post)

ARGENTINE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ARRIVES IN U.S. Dr. Raúl Damonte Taborda, chairman of committee investigating anti-Argentine activities, and 11 other members of Chamber of Deputies, arrive in U.S. to exchange information. Describe Argentina as a "center for Nazi propaganda." (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE AUTO DEALERS HAIL PACT. Esteban Carbone, president of Argentine Automobile Importers Association, says reciprocal trade treaty removes another barrier to importation of automobiles into Argentina. Metal Workers Syndicate members express approval and expect pact to provide jobs for 15,000 workers in automobile assembly and allied plants in Buenos Aires. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BOLIVIA SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS DEMOCRACIES IN WAR, Douglas Jenkins, retiring U.S. Minister to Bolivia, says upon return to the U.S. Says agreement under which U.S. buys all of Bolivia's tungsten and one-half of her tin helps U.S. defense program and aids Bolivian economy. (Washington Post)

NAZI ACTIVITY IN CHILE EFFECTIVELY THROTTLED, Juan Pradenas, Chilean Minister of Labor and chairman of Chilean Democratic Party, says on arrival in New York to attend International Labor Office conference to be held this week. (Washington Post)

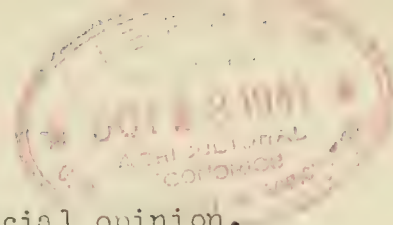
700 WORKERS STRIKE IN HAVANA for increased wages. Employees of wholesale food and liquor companies walk out in unauthorized strike demanding a 15 percent increase in wages. Reports that a general strike was being fomented on the island denied by Lázaro Peña, leader of Communist Confederation of Cuban Labor, which claims to control unions in Cuba. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO FREES 527 AXIS CREW MEMBERS of two German and 10 Italian ships taken over by Mexican government last spring; gives them "full liberty within Mexico." Decree explains that "since the men could not return home for some time and there is no proof that they were naval reservists, they are simply civilians out of work and subject to Mexican labor laws." (N.Y. Times)

PANAMA ENDS BAN ON ARMING SHIPS. Cabinet issues statement that ban imposed Oct. 6 by government of Arnulfo Arias was "from all points of view inconvenient and that recent sinkings of ships flying Panamanian flag by German naval forces were totally without justification and flagrant violations of both Panamanian rights and international law." Decrees owners of ships flying flag of Panama may arm them at their own expense. (N.Y. Times).

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October 22, 1941.

LATIN AMERICAN, CANADIAN, EUROPEAN AND U.S. WOMEN to discuss preservation of ideals in democratic countries on informational program, sponsored by National Committee on Cause and Cure of War, in New York City today. Committee to give farewell luncheon in honor of Señorita Graciela Landujano, Assistant Director of Chilean Department of Agriculture, who has completed a 9,000-mile speaking tour in U.S. (N.Y. Times)

INTER-AMERICAN MUSIC FIESTA TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK today to raise money for Latin American scholarships. (N.Y. Times)

DEAL TO TRADE U.S. COAL FOR ARGENTINE ZINC concentrates expected shortly. No official announcement yet made but business men and foreign traders expect discussions to open soon between U.S. and Argentina. (N.Y. Times)

CONTINUANCE OF EXPORTS TO BRAZIL URGED by Richard P. Momsen, export attorney, at luncheon meeting of Export Managers Club in New York. Says materials necessary to Brazil's expanding industries is a matter of hemispheric defense, and a "question of reciprocity for what Brazil has already done for the U.S." (N.Y. Times)

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT FORMS NEW CABINET. Announcement of new cabinet made after meeting between former President Alfonso López, candidate of Liberal Party in next year's elections, and President Eduardo Santos. (N.Y. Times)

TWO DIE IN CUBAN PLANE CRASH. Lieutenant Luis Palacios, army instructor, and Cadet Jesús Vázquez killed when plane crashes on farm near Havana. Reports say motor failed and plane struck tree in landing. (N.Y. Times)

THREE CUBANS HELD FOR ARSON. Andrés L. Rodríguez, Moisés Valdéz, and Rogelio Torres held on charges of attempting to set fire to British Shellmex Petroleum Company's storage tanks at Guanabacoa. Local manager for Shellmex says he believes attempt was result of personal grudge against company rather than anti-British feeling. (N.Y. Times)

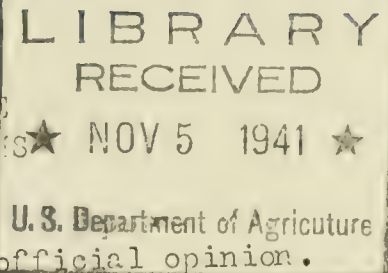
CUBAN STRIKE SETTLED by ruling of Minister of Labor, Oscar Grans. Workers of food and liquor wholesale houses in Havana granted wage increase slightly below demands. (N.Y. Times)

1,000 REFERENCE BOOKS TO BE PRESENTED TO HAITI by Franklin F. Hopper, director of N.Y. Public Library. Standard reference works to be accepted by Dr. Ruiz León, Consul General, on behalf of Government of Haiti, at Haitian Consulate in New York City, today. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO, GREAT BRITAIN RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, after lapse of more than 3 years, according to official announcement made in Mexico City. Mexico's Legation in London and Britain's Legation in Mexico City to be opened immediately. (Washington Post)

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October 23, 1941.

WARTIME SHIPPING CONTROL ENFORCED AT PACIFIC ENTRANCE of Panama Canal, with all U.S. merchantmen assigned to specific sea lanes, whether to North or South America. System designed to ensure efficient control of all U.S. shipping in event of hostilities. (N.Y. Times)

NAZIS 'STILL DANGEROUS' IN ARGENTINA, says Raúl Damonte Taborda, chairman of anti-Nazi investigating committee visiting U.S. "Argentina has only begun to expose and suppress the Nazi fifth column that is today working furiously to set up South American quislings and conquer the Western Hemisphere from within," he says. (Roland Hall Sharp, Christian Science Monitor)

PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA TOURS COUNTRY to gain first hand knowledge of conditions and problems outside capital city, La Paz. Finds country must grow more of its own food and improve its road system. (Christian Science Monitor)

CHILE'S NEWSPAPER PROFESSION TO BE IMPROVED in bill promised by President of Senate, Dr. Florencio Irujo. Announces preparation of law providing State assistance "to improve economic position of national newspapers and other organizations for news propagation." (Christian Science Monitor)

COSTA RICAN ARMY TO BE ENLARGED from 200 to 500 men. President authorizes increase to 5,000 in case of internal disorder, with no limitation in event Costa Rica is threatened by international conflagration. Senate approves legislation. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO TO DEVELOP NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM through a \$30,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan from U.S., Federal Loan Administrator, Jesse Jones, announces. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

MEXICO TO TRAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS. Government announces that Department of National Defense is considering placing all agricultural colleges and the universities of Guadalajara, Michoacan and Monterrey under military training regulations, effective Jan. 1. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO INVESTIGATES MERCURY SMUGGLING TO JAPAN, in violation of Douglas-Weichers agreement between Mexico and U.S. Smuggling discovered recently at Manzanillo when contraband shipment was being loaded onto Japanese boat, Azuma Maru. "Scandal of first order" forecast by newspaper, Excelsior, when results of investigations are made public. (Christian Science Monitor)

NEW PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT PLEDGES SUPPORT TO U.S. Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia says Republic of Panama "never will allow itself to be used as base for propaganda or action by Germany, Italy or any other totalitarian government." Ernesto Jaen Guardia, newly appointed Ambassador to U.S., arrives in New York. Says "Panama will now cooperate completely with U.S. and other American Republics." (Washington Post and N.Y. Times)

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October 24, 1941.

COFFEE QUOTAS REDUCED for 1941-42 to 110 percent of basic quotas established in Inter-American Coffee Agreement. When year opened on Oct. 1, quotas stood at 125 percent of basic figures. Action taken without reduction in minimum prices established by Brazil and Colombia, although Inter-American Coffee Board went on record as opposed to minimum prices that are above normal market prices that would result from operation of quotas. Immediate reaction in coffee market was spurt of 10 points in coffee futures and one-half cent per pound in spot prices. Brazilian officials reported pleased by decision. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce and N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY LINK NAVIES. Two Paraguayan warships arrive at Buenos Aires from Asunción to join Argentine fleet for maneuvers next week in the River Plate. First such naval collaboration in history of South America. Considered symbolic of continental defense policy. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE MISSION TO PURCHASE ARMS IN U.S., according to announcement made by Acting President Ramon S. Castillo. Says military mission will leave soon to make necessary purchases for Argentina's rearmament program. (N.Y. Times)

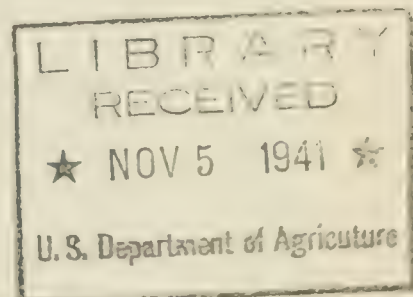
ARGENTINE DAIRY EXPERT SAILS. Dr. Enrique Yalour, director of Division of Dairy Products of the Argentine Ministry of Agriculture, who has been in the U.S. surveying markets for Argentine cheeses, sails for South America tonight. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILE BARS BASE PARLEYS WITHOUT CONGRESS CONSENT. Finance Minister Guillermo Del Pedregal tells Chamber of Deputies that Chilean Government will not negotiate for grant of bases to any foreign power without consent of Congress. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

U.S.-CHILEAN CONFERENCE HELD in Santiago. U.S. Ambassador Claude Bowers confers at length with Chilean Foreign Minister Juan Rossetti concerning priorities for pending Chilean orders in U.S. for steel and machinery. (C.S. Monitor)

NICARAGUA REFUSES TO LET ARIAS LEAVE. Nicaraguan Government refuses permission to former President Arnulfo Arias of Panama to leave Managua for San José, Costa Rica. No reason given for refusal. (N.Y. Times)

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October 25-27, 1941.

INTER-AMERICAN TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED by Nelson A. Rockefeller, coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. In program to knit Western Hemisphere republics into economic and industrial whole, qualified young men from other Americas will be brought to U.S. for vocational training in technical engineering, scientific, economic, commercial, industrial and agricultural pursuits. Scholarships to be awarded on basis of merit. (C.S. Monitor)

U.S. TO AID EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA, Jesse H. Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, announces. Export-Import Bank to establish special lines of credit for banks in Latin America to supplement existing lines and will assume uninsurable risks incidental to making deliveries in ports of destination. (C.S. Monitor)

BRITISH ADD 200 TO LATIN AMERICAN BLACKLIST, in addition to existing 339 names of persons and firms in neutral countries with whom it is unlawful for Britons to have dealings. Additions said to represent further steps in process of aligning British black list with extensive U.S. list. (Washington Times Herald)

LATIN AMERICA INTERESTED IN BALTIMORE PORT for shipment of goods, officials of Export-Import Bureau of Baltimore Association of Commerce announce. Say inquiries received by associations from Latin America are increasing constantly and all express wish to deal with Baltimore firms. (C.S. Monitor)

CANADIAN-LATIN AMERICAN "MOST FAVORED NATION" TRADE FACTS signed, to be effective at conclusion of war, James A. MacKinnon, Trade Minister of Canada, announces at end of 11-week tour of Latin America. Declines to name participating countries. (Washington Times Herald)

COFFEE QUOTAS PLEASE BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA. Brazilian press says agreement is another step toward inter-American solidarity and voices appreciation to U.S. members of Pan American coffee junta in Washington for help in bringing to an end the conflict over coffee quotas. News received in Bogotá, Colombia, with general satisfaction and foreign exchange expected to increase by \$7,000,000 as result of new quotas. (N.Y. Times)

IMPEACHMENT OF ARGENTINE PRESIDENT CASTILLO ASKED by Radical party on grounds that he exceeded his authority in dissolving Buenos Aires Municipal Council. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINE ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACCELERATED despite certain restrictions imposed by the war abroad. Statistics show that as result of construction over past few years, practically every province in Argentina now has first class roads linking them with capital. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

IMMIGRATION TO ARGENTINA FORECAST when war ends. During emergency, restricting foreign entry into Argentina justified in "protection of highest social and political interest." Statesmen have virtually committed themselves to "open door policy" when peace is restored. (C.S. Monitor)

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CHILE LEADS FOES OF AXIS IN LATIN AMERICA in recognizing new Panamanian government and endorsing that government's policy of cooperation with U.S. in all matters pertaining to hemisphere defense. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

U.S. ENVOY ASSUMES POST IN COSTA RICA. Arthur Bliss Lane, newly appointed U.S. Minister to Costa Rica, presents credentials to President of Costa Rica, Calderon Guardia, today. (Washington Times Herald)

COSTA RICA CURBS AXIS AGENTS. Government announces it will expel foreigners who write against friendly nations or campaign against democracies. Bi-weekly newspaper, "La Epoca" barred from mails on grounds that it is spreading totalitarian propaganda. Action follows newspaper's recent attack on new U.S. Minister. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ALUMINUM STOLEN IN CUBA. Committee for Defense of Democracy informs military authorities in Cuba that unidentified persons broke into Committee's local office at Los Arabos and stole a quantity of aluminum the Committee had collected for shipment to U.S. (C.S. Monitor)

ECUADORAN PRESIDENT CALLS FOR CLOSER COLLABORATION in Western Hemisphere in interviews published in newspaper, "El Telegrafo." Dr. Carlos Arroyo del Rio endorses defense measures taken by the Americas and says he considers "defense preparations necessary for preservation of American republics." (C.S. Monitor)

ECUADORAN PRESS PROTESTS SEVERITY OF REGULATIONS on control of publications arising from international situation. Concession of special military and economic powers to government of President Arroyo del Rio, with cabinet and congressional approval, arouses little enthusiasm in Ecuador press. (C.S. Monitor)

MEXICANS WELCOME RESUMPTION OF BRITISH RELATIONS. Democratic circles throughout country enthusiastically receive news of resumption of diplomatic relations between Mexico and Great Britain. See it as a "forerunner of closer cooperation between governments of Mexico, United States and Great Britain." Understood that ties were renewed on a "gentlemen's agreement" that troublesome oil question will be left in abeyance during emergency. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

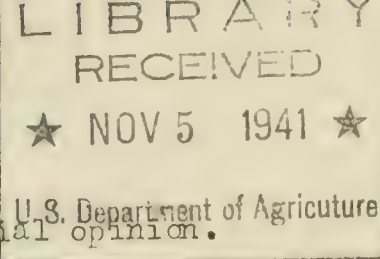
MEXICAN ENVOY TO PERU DIES AT LIMA. Moisés Sáenz, Mexican Minister to Peru and well known educator, dies of pleurisy at age of 53 years. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

URUGUAYAN CHAMBER APPROVES U.S. LOAN. Chamber of Deputies approve bill authorizing government to contract for a \$17,000,000 loan from U.S. for arms purchases. Bill to go to Senate. (C.S. Monitor)

BRITISH CAPTURE AXIS SPY. Leon Hirsch, Austrian under conviction by former French Republic of spying for Germany, among 19 German nationals removed from Spanish liner, Cabo de Hornos, at sea by British warships. Hirsch reported bound for Buenos Aires to take over post in German Embassy. (C.S. Monitor)

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October 28, 1941.

SECRET NAZI PLANS FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA revealed by President Roosevelt in Navy Day broadcast. Declares that U.S. government has obtained "secret map" revealing Nazi plans to weld South and part of Central America into five vassal states. (N.Y. Times)

FIXED MINIMUM COFFEE PRICES MADE FLEXIBLE by Brazil and Colombia in response to action of Inter-American Coffee Board in reducing 1941-42 coffee quota from 125 percent to 110 percent of basic quota. Colombia to permit sales as much as 38 cents per 132-pound bag below established minimum, with supply and demand determining exact prices. Brazil follows with similar plan, providing for fluctuation range of 23 cents (1 milreis) per 100 pounds. Higher price level, resulting largely from fixed minimum, was principal reason for original increases in basic quota. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

PARAGUAY-BOLIVIA ACT TO IMPROVE FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION. Countries are working with neighbors to improve frontier transport in order "that ways of peace may prove profitable." President of Brazil, Getulio Vargas, recently visiting in Paraguay, pledges Brazilian cooperation in building rail and river communications between the two countries. Argentina has already made contribution. Now remains for Paraguay and Bolivia to end satisfactorily their discussions for completion of circuit of international cooperation in new River Plate order. (Christian Science Monitor)

CHILE CONSIDERS PENAL COLONIES. Authorities consider establishment of penal colonies to relieve Chile's congested prisons, after consulting with Julian H. Alco, warden of San Quentin prison in California. Minister of Justice, Domingo Godoy, introduces bill into chamber which includes provision for compulsory labor for prison inmates. (N.Y. Times)

U.S. RECEIVES FINNISH SHIP SEIZED BY CUBA. President Fulgencio Batista orders that Finnish freighter, Koura, seized in Havana on Sept. 10, be turned over to U.S. Maritime Commission. Freighters to fly Cuban flag and will be used in trade between U.S. and Cuba, particularly in sugar. (N.Y. Times)

SPANISH AIDE IN CUBA RECALLED. Luis Muñoz de Miguel, Spanish commercial attaché in Havana, will be withdrawn immediately, in response to petition of Cuban Government, Dr. José Manuel Cortina, Minister of State, reveals. Cuban government declared Señor Muñoz de Miguel "persona non grata" because of activities in dissemination of totalitarian propaganda. (N.Y. Times)

FOREIGN FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO MEXICO. Reports in financial centers in Mexico of bank vaults overflowing with alien gold and other currency, and of huge purchase of extensive farming and mining areas by foreigners, "cautiously" confirmed by Louis Ligoretta of the National Bank of Mexico. (Lawrence Perry, North American Newspaper Alliance, in N.Y. Times)

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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 376

October 29, 1941.

LATIN AMERICA BACKS ROOSEVELT'S NAVY DAY SPEECH. Revelations by President Roosevelt of German plans for Western Hemisphere given full credence by Latin American newspapers. (N.Y. Times)

MAJORITY OF ARGENTINES PRO-DEMOCRATIC, says José Luis Cantilo, head of delegation of 10 Argentine Deputies visiting in the U.S. "In Argentina, we must not continue in the type of neutrality which is an assistance to Germany," he declares. (Leon Pearson, Washington Times Herald)

SHOT FIRED NEAR ARGENTINE PRESIDENT. Shot rings out outside special train in which Acting President Ramón Castillo was leaving Buenos Aires. Police assert shooting was accidental result of scuffle over gun rather than assassination attempt. (Washington Post)

COLUMBIAN BONDS EXCHANGED. More than 40 percent of Colombian 6-percent bonds, due Jan. 1, 1961 and Oct. 1, 1961, held in the U.S., have been exchanged for Republic's new 3-percent external dollar bonds, Gabriel Turbay, Colombian Ambassador to U.S., announced. (N.Y. Times)

CUBAN SUGAR EXPORTS TO U.S. INCREASED. Sugar exports from Jan. 1 to Oct. 25, totaling 2,600,790 long tons, raw value, compared with 1,865,898 tons during same period of last year, show increase of 39.4 percent, according to announcement of Lamson & Company. Total is equivalent to 81.9 percent of Cuban 1941 marketing quota in U.S. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

MEXICAN RAYON COMMITTEE TO APPEAL TO PRESIDENT. Rayon industrialists' committee, organized to cope with emergency confronting business due to war conditions, announces it intends to lay problems of rayon business before President Manuel Avila Camacho, who is reported to be actively interested in giving rayon business in Mexico all possible assistance. Action reported because of failure of Ministry of National Economy to answer queries of when, how and in what amounts the rayon industry will receive supplies promised by Federal Government in view of war-accentuated emergency. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

OUSTED PANAMANIAN MAYOR DENIED ENTRY TO U.S. Dr. Nicolás Ardita Barletta, mayor of Panama City until regime of Panamanian President Arnulfo Arias was deposed, arrives in Miami by stratosclipper. Denied entry pending immigration hearings, Federal officials say. Former mayor says he is en route to San Francisco "for a rest." (Washington Times Herald)

PERUVIAN LEADER HONORED. Peruvian Ambassador to U.S., Manuel de Freyre y Santander, to be host at luncheon in Washington in honor of Vice President of Peru, Rafael Larco Herrera, touring the U.S. on unofficial trip. (Washington Post)

VENEZUELAN BANK GIVEN U.S. CREDIT. Credit of \$6,000,000 granted by Export-Import Bank to Venezuelan Labor Bank. Funds to be used to raze old quarters of city of Caracas, to be replaced by combination business houses and dwellings. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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SECRET NAZI PLANS ALREADY KNOWN IN LATIN AMERICA. President Roosevelt's Navy Lay revelations of Nazi plans for German domination of South and Central America has been subject of recent diplomatic discussion in several Latin American capitals. General blueprint called for absorption of smaller countries into following 5 major nations: 1. Argentina to absorb Uruguay and Paraguay; 2. Brazil to receive rich eastern region of Bolivia, and French, Dutch and British Guiana; 3. Chile to swallow southern and eastern zones of Bolivia; 4. Peru to get all of Ecuador and northwestern Bolivia; 5. Colombia to take over Venezuela, Panama, including Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. (Washington Post)

TRADE CREDIT OFFERED TO LATIN AMERICA. Export-Import Bank of Washington invites Latin American banks to take advantage of plan under which U.S. would advance funds to finance approximately \$70,000,000 worth of Latin American purchases from U.S. per month and require payment only after goods have been delivered to South American ports. (Washington Post)

ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER DIRECTORS ARRESTED. Police arrest Enrique P. Osés, Adelfi Santucci, Armando Cascella and Eduardo Castilla, directors of pro-Nazi newspaper, Pampero, on charges that they planned to discredit congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities. (N.Y. Times)

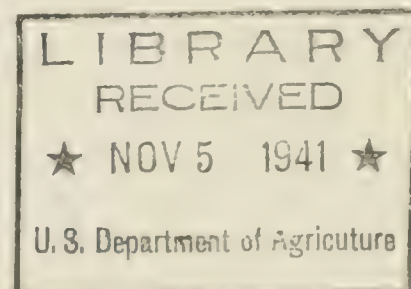
ARGENTINA MAKES INDUSTRIAL GAINS, officials of Pan American Union report. Say 330,000 persons are now engaged in manufacturing goods for domestic consumption which prior to 1930 were imported. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BRAZIL FINDS EASTERN MARKET FOR TEXTILES. Representative of Brazilian-American Association in New York says recent order from commercial groups in Dutch East Indies for 40,000,000 yards of textiles is entering wedge in what Brazilian manufacturers hope will be steady outlet for such products. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CUBAN SENATE APPROVES U.S. LOAN. Bill authorizing President Fulgencio Batista to contract for \$25,000,000 loan from Export-Import Bank of Washington passed by Cuban Senate. Bill expected to pass House of Representatives without delay. (N.Y. Times)

TEXTILE SHORTAGE IN MEXICO ACUTE despite government efforts to relieve it, national textile and allied industries workers' union states. "Distribution of rayon Mexican government ordered imported to relieve national textile industry emergency because of shortage has been made both equitably and promptly," Ministry of National Economy asserts in answering complaints to President Manuel Avila Camacho by rayon industrialists' committee that distribution of the product is faulty. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce).

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LATIN AMERICA BACKS AXIS FOES, J. A. MacKinnon, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, declares upon return to Ottawa with members of trade mission touring Latin American countries. Says that the "sentiment of the people of all South American countries visited was overwhelmingly in favor of nations fighting against aggression." (C.S. Monitor)

U.S. EXPORTERS WELCOME LATIN AMERICAN FINANCING. New plan to permit Export-Import Bank to finance Latin American purchases in this country is of great benefit to buyers who have had to pay cash terms, exporters believe. Claims that new plan will facilitate orders now being held up. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AIDS MINE OPERATIONS. Liberal credit facilities being extended to mine owners and operators in Argentina as part of government plan to increase volume and variety of mineral production throughout the Republic. Special effort being made to expand output of non-ferrous metals, principally tungsten, beryllium, antimony, tin, lead and copper. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

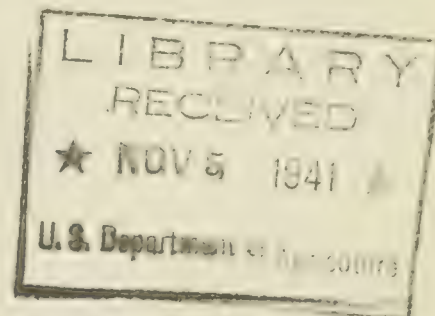
ARMY CONTROL OF BRAZILIAN EDUCATION DANGEROUS trend, Miss Mary Jane Corbett, Y.W. C.A. secretary in Brazil says at world fellowship luncheon in Washington. (Washington Post)

U.S. BLACKLIST STIRS CHILEAN VANGUARDS. Chief of Popular Socialist Vanguards in Chile, Jorge González von Marées, attacks U.S. blacklist of alleged pro-Axis firms in Latin America. Contends that application of blacklist infringes on "Chilean sovereign independence." (C.S. Monitor)

PRINCIPLES OF URBAN PLANNING STRESSED at Second Inter-American Municipal Congress meeting during celebration of 400th anniversary of founding of Santiago, Chile. Mayors of Latin American capital cities and U.S. municipalities, under presidency of Ricardo González Cortés, Chilean architect, subscribe to resolution on municipal planning. (C.S. Monitor)

BOMB DAMAGES CUBAN UTILITY OFFICE. Small bomb explodes at Independent Electric Company's office in Havana. (N.Y. Times)

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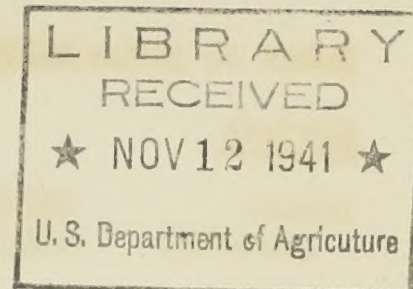
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